the MSP including bonus thus works out to Rs. 95 per quintal. This has brought in a substantial increase in the quantity of wheat procured during the current season. The quantity of wheat procured till 4th August, 1997 totalled 9.3 million tonnes as against 8.2 million tonnes procured during the corresponding period of last season.

(d) The Government has decided to continue a complete ban on export of wheat and wheat products during the year 1997-98. It has also been decided that licensing and stock holding limits on wheat would continue in 1997-98 season also.

Urea used in Fertilizer Plant

3268. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidised fertilizers such as Urea, D.A.P. and M.O.P. are being used by the composite fertilizer plants of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to abolish such a system?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Government of Gujarat has informed that composite fertilizer units in the State were found to be using subsidized fertilizer like Urea, DAP and MOP for preparation of composite fertilizer. The State Government has warned all the composite fertilizer units against use of subsidized fertilizers by them. The district level Quality Control staff has also been instructed to keep a watch in this regard.

Clashes between Kukis and Nagas

3269. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of Manipur as per the last census and the population of 'Kukis' and 'Tangkhul-Naga' Tribals separately in Manipur;

(b) whether frequent clashes take place between Kukis and Tangkhul Nagas;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of clashes took place between Tangkhul Nagas and Kukis during the last three years and the number of persons killed on both sides; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government and the State Government for averting classes between Nagas and Kukis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The Total population of Manipur as per 1991 census was 18,37,149 and the population of Tangkhul-Nagas was 1,09,800. Since the name 'Kuki' is not included in the list of Scheduled Tribes for Manipur, Census data regarding their Population is not available. However, it is estimated that their population in Manipur is about 1,40,000.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The root causes for the Kuki-Naga clashes are efforts by both groups for domination over larger areas and also over the Indo-Myanmar border trade, both formal and informal, through Moreh in Chandel District, Manipur.

(d) Details are indicated below:

	1995	1996	1997 (upto July)
No. of violent incidents	101	58	23
No. of persons killed			
(a) Nagas (including Tangkhul Nagas)	39	25	9
(b) Kukis	60	33	19

(e) While the Central Government have placed additional units of the Central Para Military Forces at the disposal of the State Government for checking the Kuki-Naga clashes and have advised initiatives by the State Govt. for restoration of amicable relations between the two feuding tribal communities, the State Government have deployed both State Police and Central Para Military Forces in the vulnerable areas and have made repeated efforts for bringing together the leaders of both communities for restoration of normalcy.

[English]

Survey on Land Degradation by National Bureau of Soil Survey

3270. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey by the National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning along with the Agricultural Department has brought to light the alarming degree of land degradation in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the survey also refer to the decline in productive capacity of soil due to natural processes like flood and human-induced processes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the State Government has sought the help of the Union Government in this regard;

(e) if so, whether any Central team has been sent for checking the soil degradation in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(f) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the said team; and

(g) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE *(DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI)* : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh State Department of Agriculture undertook soil resource mapping of the State by using remote sensing technique, ground soil survey exercises, analysis of the soils samples, soil classification, cartography and map printing and assessment of the status of soil degradation. Each of the 238 soil map units as depicted in the Soil Map of Andhra Pradesh was assessed for the kind, degree and relative extent of degradation. Accordingly, it was found that 1,49,92,404 ha. of land representing 54.7% of the total geographical area (TGA) of the state is under varying degrees of degradation induced by floods and human process.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Not applicable.

(g) Not applicable.

Border Area Development Programme

3271. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the objects and nature of schemes envisaged under the Border Area Development Programme;

(b) the details of the Border Area Development Programme to be implemented during Ninth Plan period alongwith the specific locations, State-wise;

(c) the details of the projects already executed in the 8th Plan period in the North-Eastern Region;

(d) the break up of allocations made for execution of projects in the region during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The Border Area Development Programme (BADP) aims at balanced development of remote, inaccessible area situated near the border, ensuring effective administration and involving people in strengthening their resilience. Area specific schemes designed to take care of problems typical to the border area with emphasis on creation of durable assets rather than recurring revenue expenditure are to be taken up under this Programme.

(b) to (d) Specific schemes to be executed under the Border Area Development Programme are decided by State Level Screening Committees of the beneficiary States from time to time within the limit of the funds allocated under the Programme on annual basis. Break-up of allocations during the current financial year for the States in the North Eastern region is as under:—

	State	Allocation (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Assam	412.00
2.	Meghalaya	395.00
3.	Mizoram	673.00
4.	Tripura	1096.00
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	400.00
6.	Nagaland	400.00
7.	Manipur	400.00

[Translation]

Grant of Zink Sulphate for Wheat Crop

3272. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent a proposal to Union Government for grant of Zink Sulphate for the wheat crops;

(b) if so, the decision of the Government thereto; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal was received during 1996-97 from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for grant of subsidy on Zinc Sulphate for the wheat crop.

(b) Since under the Integrated Cereal Development Programme—Wheat, there was no component for grant of subsidy on Zink Sulphate, so the request of the State Government could not be accepted.

(c) Does not arise.